



The Gazette



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The Gazette is now in its 5th edition and provides us with an annual opportunity to communicate with ALL our members.

We would welcome feedback as to whether our programme meets your needs, we need to do better or indeed if you are simply satisfied!?

You can even join us on Council!

This Gazette is a bit like a Lucky Bag – For those who can remember them! This time apart from the Programme itself we have included details of all our events in an 'At A Glance' for the forthcoming season.

Perhaps you would care to display this on your office notice board – remember, all are welcome, both members and non members.

Message from the President

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to another year and to another edition of The Gazette.

I was honoured to be asked to be your President for the second time and delighted that, for the first time that I can remember, last year saw three ladies taking their places on Council. Anne, Debbie and Donna will be continuing to represent the fairer sex and, hopefully, this will encourage more ladies to join us and then we will really be able to show what girl power can do!

On a more serious note, I should like to thank you for placing your trust in me and promise that I will do my very best to represent your interests wherever and whenever possible.

I should also like to thank our immediate past president, Roy Winter and my fellow Council Members for doing such an excellent job last year and hope that 2008/2009 will be just as successful.

I am delighted to welcome Matt Drinkwater of NMU on to Council for the first time and am sure that he will make a major contribution in the years to come.

In addition Adrian Horrocks and Shaun Jackson have assumed new roles as Secretary and Deputy President respectively.

This year, my nominated charity will be the Baby Beat Appeal and I hope that you will support my efforts to help this worthwhile and vital cause.

In the meantime, our first event will be an abseiling evening at Peel Tower near Ramsbottom on 19th June on the eve of Insurance Charities Day, so please get us off to a great start and support **our** charity.

The next event will be our popular, annual get together at Guys Thatched Hamlet on 27th June. Then it's down to the real work, Council is already working to produce an interesting and meaningful lecture programme, so I look forward to seeing you during the year.

Sandra Turner, President 2008/ 09

Who said there is no such thing as a free lunch?

In addition to awarding prizes, we support candidates who succeeded in passing a complete module in the written examinations by the 'award' of a free place at our Annual Dinner Dance.

Our thanks to **Anderson Ashcroft** for sponsoring this initiative in 2007.



ANDERSON ASHCROFT

NOTE – Invitations for the October 2007 passes have been sent out and April's passes in July. Watch for the postman!

Don't forget this year
the President's Charity
is **Baby Beat**



Dinner Dance

Going Going... All Gone

It's a Sell Out!



Many thanks to



for sponsoring this Gazette

The Football's not Kicking Off in June but we are!

Going Down!

First up to the oche on Thursday evening 19th June for P & B is an abseil down Peel Tower, Ramsbottom. We are doing this somewhat unusual event to support the work of The Insurance Charities, the charity that supports those in our own industry who may need help.

Interested in joining up for the Peel Challenge - E Mail events@iipb.org.uk but places are limited so do so quickly!

If you don't come to our event could we ask you to support it by putting your hand in you pocket? Donations will be very well received at www.justgiving.com/iipb



A Fantastic Summer's Evening

With England being out of the European Championship come and relax a vous at Guy's Hamlet at our Summer Extravaganza – Bowls, Disco, BBQ, (Bar) and Pop Quiz – all go to make an excellent evening. Just the job before we break for the summer.

Why not make it an Office Party and treat your staff?? Many firms do!



PFS Members

We hear very little from the Financial Services side of the business and would welcome an opportunity of providing Added Value for your subscription whether by offering a Presentation or attending one of our Social Events.

Don't be shy in coming forward we do welcome comment. Our address as always events@iipb.org.uk

PS You could even join our Council!!!!!!!

RDR/ The Edinburgh Declaration - The One to Watch

What's this you say? Well our Financial Services Colleagues will know but General? We suspect not. It could however be the shape of things to come. The PFS are very keen to encourage (demand?) their members to qualify particularly those who provide advice from the basic to complex level. Not a bad thing but could it happen to General Lines?

You may like to take note that we suspect that as a direct result of this initiative more examination entries are being received.

We would encourage every member of our industry to hold a qualification – Why not make a start say at Certificate Level? Wouldn't CertCII look good after your name and a Certificate on your office wall!

Or Better Still get a Dip on that wall!

Photo Call

The New and Past Presidents.
Sandra Turner & Roy Winter



The George Turner Prize for Council Members.

Debbie & Anne share the award for contributing the most to Council activities last year.

Very well deserved.



Meet the New Council



+++ News Flash +++ Examinations +++++ Stop Press +++++

Your Council have been pushing the CII for sometime to provide a more local on-line testing Centre – local and more convenient than Liverpool & Manchester.

This has now been achieved and anyone now registering for on-line testing now has this local choice Multi Task, Northbrook Barn, Northbrook Road, LEYLAND PR25 2XS.

We hope this centre will find your support.

As usual we continue to provide written examinations at the Gujarat Hindu Centre, South Meadow Lane, Preston. We have left Lytham as we felt Preston was more central and again more convenient.

Make Preston your choice for April & October Centre No. 059. Ample car parking as well as refreshments!

The more candidates that enter at our Centre the more our future as a site will continue.



Best Examination Success - October 2006/April 2007

Your Council offer two prizes each year and congratulations go to

Best Achieving Member of the IIPB at Advanced Diploma Level (ACII)

The Sydney Walton Prize Sponsored by AIG

Awarded to Paul Anthony Norris (AXA)

Best Achieving Member of the IIPB at Advanced (Financial) Diploma Level (AFPC)

The AEGON Prize. Sponsored by AEGON

Awarded to Derek John Winsland (Premier Wealth Management)

The awards, presented annually, were made at the 2007 Dinner Dance

MasterClass

Last year we put our feet in the water and provided two MasterClasses being Advanced Liability and Advanced Fleet.

Both of these were exceptionally well received with very positive feedback. Following on from this we are hopeful of putting on two more with a possibility of three.

At the moment we are lining up speakers so 'Work In Progress' **Watch this Space.**

Make sure your diary notes our first four events

September 18th October 10th November 20th December 5th

Apart from the Gazette all our communication is by E Mail. If you don't hear from us we haven't got your address. Send it to us to make sure you are in the loop! Your ID is not passed to any other person/ organisations. We use it solely to communicate with you.

Dont forget if you want to pre-book an event no problem. Simply be in touch with the following

Christmas Lunch (December 5th) - ianashcroft@andersonashcroft.co.uk

Dinner Dance (2009) - johnisles@btopenworld.com

All Other Events - events@iipb.org.uk

Congratulations

Unfortunately space does permit us to congratulate everyone who successfully passed a qualifying examination but we would like to record and offer our congratulations to those who completed a module in a written examination.

October 2007

Diploma in Financial Planning (DipPFS)

Ms C Humphries Mrs D A Turner Mr S G Dewin

Associate of the Personal Finance Society (APFS)

Mr C A Lincoln

You are all featured on our Web Site Hall of Fame.

Well Done

What you gave

When those 'raffle people' come round waving the pint pot and seeking your last pound where does all the money go? On keeping the President in the manner to which he is accustomed you may ask, well not exactly!

Our Treasurer (and Past President) Roy Winter reports

"During the year you donated a sum of £3,685 of which over one third was raised by auction. Well done to those who gave so generously.

In a moment of weakness I also volunteered to be Father Christmas for five weekends leading up to Christmas in the Fishergate Centre (*you may have sat on his knee. ed*) and another £370 was added to the pot.

Cheques will shortly be sent to our charities, **Galloway's Society for the Blind** will receive over £2,200 and **The Insurance Charities** over £1,800.

An excellent year and we continue to be one of the leading local institutes for donations. Many thanks to all who contributed but the 'raffle people' will be around again this year! "

CPD Points

Don't forget our Presentations carry 15 points and our web site has a direct link to the CII CPD Page to register your achievements.

Have your say

We hope you have enjoyed (or at least taken the time to read) this Gazette. Your Council believe next year's programme is better than ever. We look forward to welcoming both new and old members.

We welcome feedback on any topic as only by working together and your Council listening can we improve further.

Simply E Mail events@iipb.org.uk with your comments.

Don't forget

Just a couple of entries for your diary

First Presentation – 26th September Bank of England

Get the low down on the Credit Crunch.

Examinations - 2009

April 20th – 23rd October 19th – 22nd

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Has your firm applied for Chartered
Status? Reinforcing the importance
of Professionalism and Distinguishing
YOUR Broking firm from your
Competitors and Peers.**

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